Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the image retrieving device comprising:

an image storing section for storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with ~~the~~ a keyword in a ~~database;~~database and an object of the image being previously contained in the database;

an image inputting detecting section that detects an inputted image that is newly inputted to the image retrieving device;

an object acknowledging section for acknowledging ~~a predetermined~~an inputted object in the inputted image ~~which is inputted;~~that has been detected by the image inputting detecting section;

a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword on a display, the keyword which relates to the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

an object information inputting section for confirming by the user, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section when the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object acknowledged by the object acknowledging section is similar to the object ~~in~~ of the image previously ~~stored~~ contained in the database.

2. (Previously Presented) An image retrieving device according to Claim 1, wherein the object acknowledging section includes:

a human detection condition inputting section for setting up conditions for determining whether or not the image contains a human;

a face image detecting section for detecting a face image in the image; and

a face image similarity determining section for detecting a face image which is detected by the face image detecting section so as to detect a similar face image stored in the database according to the detected face imaged.

3. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein the object information inputting section serves as a personal information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting a personal information.

4. (Previously Presented) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a skin color area detecting section for detecting a skin color area in the image, wherein

the skin color area detecting section is used when the human is detected.

5. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword to the image which is inputted last in a case in which the similar face image is not detected by the face image similarity determining section.

6. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 1 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for adding keywords in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the method comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a ~~database;~~database and an object of the image being previously contained sin the database;

detecting an inputted image that is newly inputted to the image retrieving device by an image inputting detection section;

acknowledging ~~a predetermined~~an inputted object in the inputted image ~~which is inputted;~~that has been detected by the image inputting detecting section;

proposing ~~the~~ a keyword on a display, the keyword which relates to the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object which is acknowledged by an object acknowledging section; and

confirming by the user, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section when the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object acknowledged by the object acknowledging section is similar to the object ~~in~~ of the image previously ~~stored~~ contained in the database.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program~~storage medium having a program stored therein~~ for operating an image retrieving device which classifies and retrieves an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, the storage medium comprising:

storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with ~~the~~ a keyword in a ~~database;~~database and an object of the image being previously contained in the database;

detecting an inputted image that is newly inputted to the image retrieving device by an image inputting detecting section;

acknowledging ~~a predetermined~~an inputted object in the image ~~which is inputted;~~that has been detected by the image inputting detecting section;

proposing the keyword on a display, the keyword which relates to the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object which is acknowledged by an object acknowledging section; and

confirming by the user, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section when the ~~predetermined~~ inputted object acknowledged by the object acknowledging section is similar to the object in the image previously ~~stored~~ contained in the database.

9. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 2 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

10. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 3 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

11. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 4 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

12. (Original) An image retrieving device according to claim 5 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~storage medium~~ computer readable medium storing a computer program according to claim 8, wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have a hierarchical structure.